

Causes of Civil War Journal Entries

Directions:

Choose to write your journal entries from the point of view of a northerner or a southerner. Keep this same persona through out the journals for this unit on the Causes of the Civil War, the Civil War and Reconstruction.

Entry #1

- You have just heard someone read you chapter 30 from Uncle Tom's Cabin. What is your reaction to the chapter? Are you horrified by what you learned? Does the North have the situation completely wrong? Write a one page entry.

Entry #2

- You have just had the opportunity to compare and contrast the differences between the North and the South before the American Civil War began. Why do you think these major differences appeared between the North and the South? How do you think these difference effected the way northerners and southerners viewed themselves and different from each other?

Entry #3

- You have just heard that war has broken out between Mexico and the United States. Do you feel that this is a just war? Are the reasons that we are involved in this war solid? Do you plan to enlist or support your family members enlisting? What would you like to see as a part of the treaty that ends the war?

Entry #4

- Write a letter to a member of your family about how the outcome of the Mexican war will effect the issue of slavery.

Entry #5

- You have just read about the Republican, Democratic, or Know-Nothing Party. Would you have been a member of this party? Why or why not? How would your family have reacted to the beliefs of this political party? Would you have supported the parties candidate for office?

Entry #6

- You have just read about Calhoun, Douglas, Brown, or Anderson. Do you think that this is a person you would have liked to have associated with? Do you agree with how this person handled their part in the pre-civil war era? If not how would you have handled it differently?

Entry #7

- How would you have reacted to hearing that South Carolina left the Union? Do you agree with what they did? Would you have fought for the Confederacy? the Union?